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SUBJECT: WANG HAI-JUNG'S REMARKS TO CONGRESSIONAL STAFFDEL

REF: TOKYO 12080

1. TOKYO REFTEL REPORTS THAT ON AUGUST 11 SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESSIONAL STAFFDEL STOPPING OFF IN TOKYO AFTER CHINA TRIP RELATED TO JAPANESE FONOFF OFFICIALS THE HARD-LINE REMARKS ON THE TAIWAN QUESTION THAT VICE FOREIGN MINISTER WANG HAI-JUNG HAD MADE TO THE STAFFDEL JULY 28.

2. IT APPEARS THEREFORE THAT WANG'S REMARKS WILL BE IN THE NEWS EVEN SOONER THAN WE HAD SUPPOSED, AND IN AN ESSENTIALLY ACCURATE VERSION INCLUDING THE NOOSE AND BAYONET ISSUE. (NOTE HOWEVER THAT REFTEL HAS WANG REFERRING TO US TAKING OFF NOOSE "FORTHRIGHTLY"; SHE ACTUALLY SAID "FORTHWITH".)

3. WE RECOMMEND THAT TRANSCRIPT OF THE STAFFDEL'S CONVERSATION WITH WANG (PEKING 1430) AND OF CODEL SCOTT'S WITH CHANG CHUN-CHIAO (PEKING 1283) BE PROVIDED TO AMEMBASSIES TOKYO AND TAIPEI AND TO AMCONGEN HONG KONG, PERHAPS WITH EXDIS RATHER THAN PRESENT NODIS CONTROL. PLEASE ADVISE. GATES

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